



JUNE 25, 2023 10:30 A.M.
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(Optional) Tune to 96.1 FM for the service

The service can also be listened to on any radio on church property.
For those that wish to stay in your cars for the service, you can listen to
the station listed above.

PRELUDE

CARRYING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

GATHERING HYMN* *Take My Life and Let It Be* No. 379

GREETINGS, WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Beaver UCC!
If you are new or would like more information, please fill out a
welcome card, located in the holder on the back of each pew,
and place it in the offering plate.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*All who are comfortable, please stand.

BEAVER UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Office Hours: Tues. 1-6 p.m.
Wed 10 a.m. -12 p.m. & 5-7 p.m.
Thu 10 a.m. -12 p.m.
Other times available by appointment

Choir Director: Karen Barger Organist: Alex Ignatiou
Children's Sunday School Teachers:
Brittany King, Sarah Hogan, Hayden Rauls

- Handicapped restrooms are on the main and lower levels.
- Hearing assistance devices are available on the blue table near the altar by the back entrance.
- Children's Sunday School is available year-round during the service for children who are toddler age through 5th grade. Children depart to go to Sunday School after the Children's Moment.

Lay Reader: Patti King

Fellowship Meal: Nancy Pack

Today's altar flowers are donated by Margene Howell and Isabel Shaffer in memory of all of our past family, friends, and four legged friends.

- Card Ministry: Please sign the cards on the table at the front of the sanctuary. Let Shirley or Gretchen know about those with physical or emotional needs who would appreciate a card. Your prayers for these people are much appreciated

† Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession provided by the United Church of Christ's Worship Ways publication.

July 2nd, 2023
 Genesis 22:1-14 and Matthew 10:40-42
 Fellowship Meal: 1st Sunday Carry-In
 Lay Reader: TBD

CALL TO WORSHIP†

Leader: We are the United Church of Christ,
People: United, not in every practice or detailed belief, but in being intentional in representing the ongoing mission and ministry of Jesus Christ.

Leader: We are the United Church of Christ,
People: A body of people of every age, race, kind, clan, gender, and identity, dedicated to showing God's love and grace to a hurting world, and to hurting people.

Leader: We are the United Church of Christ,
People: Called and equipped for this ministry to which we are called, and sent out as apostles to join Jesus is the work of equality and justice for all.

Leader: We are the United Church of Christ,
People: Gathered for worship in Jesus' name, asking for the power of God's Spirit and the will to take that spirit with us on our journey.

All: We are the United Church of Christ!

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION†

All: Gracious and Glorious God, who has called us, equipped us, and sent us out, we confess before you today that we have doubted our call to ministry. Why have you called us? We are beaten and broken, flawed in character and witness, unable to do what you have expected of us. We are unprepared, unrepentant in our collusion with the ways of the world, inattentive to the model of Jesus Christ, and ignorant of the needs around us. Yet you call us? Yet your Spirit is upon us? Yet you rely on us to carry the mantle of your Son? In the simple fact that you continue to call us, we ask again that you forgive our tentative, suspicious, and all-too-often selfish ways. In your grace, allow us again to embrace the mission and ministry to which each of us is called, in the name of Christ Jesus, our gracious and loving example. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS†

Leader: Whoever you are, whatever you have done, wherever you are on life's journey, you are made new in the grace of Jesus Christ.

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *Nearer, My God to Thee* No. 393
Joys and Concerns

All: Dear Lord, hear our prayers.

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts, debtors)

Organ Response

OFFERING OF GIFTS & SELVES TO GOD

Offertory

Presentation of Gifts*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God for all that love has done;

Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen

Prayer of Blessing

SPECIAL MUSIC

LESSONS Genesis 21:8-21 OT pg. 22
Matthew 10:24-39 NT pg. 14

SERMON "Even Though"

CLOSING HYMN* *Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord* No. 395

PARTING SONG* *Lord of Life*

Lord of Life, Lord of Love, walk forever beside us.

Day by day show the way, be Thou our vision to guide us.

Striving to follow Thy noble plan, nothing can divide us. Lord of Life, Lord of Love, walk forever beside us.

BENEDICTION, POSTLUDE, & CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

June Meetings:

June 27th, Consistory, 7:00 pm

Fri., July 14th;

Church BBQ & Outdoor Game Night, 5:30pm

Beaver church is going to have a fun event for everyone on the evening of Friday July 14th, starting at 5:30pm and going until whenever. We are inviting people to bring outside games such as corn hole, and we are going to be barbecuing hot dogs and hamburgers for everyone. We will have a fire as well and make smores as is gets a little later. Please come, and please invite people you know to come as well. This will be a great opportunity to introduce people to the church. We will start at 5:30pm but will be playing games and grilling all evening. There is also a signup sheet in the sanctuary for people to write down which games they will be bringing to the event.

- Please consider donating new non-perishable food items to our food pany collection box in the comfort room.
- All are invited to enjoy lunch and conversation in the downstairs Fellowship room following the service. Donations of snacks are always welcome. Lunch is provided by volunteers with the help of your donations. The first Sunday of the month is always a church potluck.
- Prayer Shawl Ministry: If you know of someone who would appreciate a prayer shawl, please talk to Pastor Brian.